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George Atkinson, who has been identlfied in the capacity of press

getting about their neighbor, began taiking again. Ahtiltient, and then. forhim addressing a bell boy, who had, no doubt, been callied by the telephone keep me awake. I want you
and go to bed," sald the guest.
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woman's
the had evidentiy been awakened from the soundest and most peaceful
siumber. "A man down the hall says you talk so loud that you keep him awake. and he wants you to keep stilland. go to bed. The woman protested rolled on the foor in silent mirth.
Thev never knew what the woman
agined she had been taiking in her sleep.

Pecause they believed Ed. Gerken, black-face comedian. a rent tlon, over half the audience at the Pathe Theatre, West Tampa. Fia.. left the theatre, recently, while Gerken was endeavoring to a muse them. few better, in that he uses burnt cork not only on face and hands, but on his Several Cubans in the audience began to "roast" the comedian when he appeared, calling him a negro, and in a few minutes the audience was in a tumuit. Gerken retired from the stage, and the manager tried to explain,
but over half the audience had withdrawn, and these refused to believe that Gerken was other than the real thing and expressed their indignation that Gerken was other than the real thing and expressed their indignation

Milton Nobies has been on the stage long enough
fund of professlonal reminls
 is amusing in the extreme. friend who was a young professlonal whth a crowd of associates after hls failing to get back to the hotel. Where him whim tears and dread forebodings The young man, whom we shall call faithful of spouses, but his facility in amusing and entertaining his acquaint ances often led him past the limit of his capacity for aicoholic beverages, and he would wend his way home sometimes long after daylight. with One day, after one of these iltie Irregularities of conduct, Saunders calied upon Alliton Nobles at his hotel, in a most depressed and disconsolate frame of mind.

I guess it's all up, Milton," he said. "my wife says she's stood this sort of thing long enough. I was out whth the boys last night, and when I went home this morning she refused to be conclliated. I guess the jig's up." ali right. Saunders. hook here, said sour wif, youre a first-rate fellow, ali right: you mean well enough, but your wife does not overlook this one if I fail you must find other means to bring her around, but if do not antleipate faliure, If successfui. I shall expect you to refraln from offending again
along the same iines. I want you to cali on me after the matince to-day here at the hotel, not making any attempt to see your wife in the meanit was agreed, and Nobies dressed himself $\ln$ his most somber ciothes and started out toward the address Saunders had given him. He found Mr. saunders pale and wan, and whth eyes red from weeplig. He introduced him

Atkinson and a gentleman fliend Atkinson and a gentleman fliend ours" and sat down by the open win-
ow to finish their cigars. As It was
arm weather, one of the other guest warm weather, one of the other guests
was evidentiy awakened by thelr was evidentiy awakened by thelr co use the method that would invoive the least notoriety to borsuading ied: "I Finaliy the iittie woman threw herseif on his shouider and Nobles finally managed to get away, assuring her that Saunders would her immediately.
found Saunders at the hotel walting for him, and when the new was broken, he rushed away, deighted with the prospect of reconciliation. Things went along smoothiy and Nobles heard no more of trouble be-
tween the parties. But a year or two later Mrs. Saunders chanced to visit her husband in his dressing room where he was engaged in conversation with Nobles, both being on the same bill. Without thought of the conse-
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$\qquad$ the most lowiy of tiose with whom aiways has a pleasant word even man of the drink habit" cured me old on have!" said Dlxey, "Then puzzied many a wise heinem that has "Weil." said the old woman, "there is a shop near where I live what sells things o that kind. I scrub for the and instead of the place sometimes.

took these reptiles, as he calis 'em, and fixd 'em on wires over the head o our bed. Then 1 'd make $a$ nolse to wake my old man up after he had been
drlnking a ittie. Héd see them snakes and think he had the jimmies had the snakes fixed so I could move them on the wires and so when h ing entlrely after about three performances with my stuffed reptlles."

Two fadies who had known each other in years gone street. Both of them were married to muslclans. One of them. Who had been fine trlplets, ail girls. The other lady had been in the bonds of matrimony
"'What beautiful chlidren!" excialmed the newly married une with great
interest, after the two friends had exchanged greetlings.
"Yes," replled the proud mother, "and it was the funnlest colncidence our wedding supper the boys who played with my husband in the orchesThe newiy $m$
Married one gasped for breath and turned pale with horro eks ago heavens:" she gasped
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Thomas Flndlay, who plays the part of Andrew MeTavish, the Scot Andy'McTeague was "no feelln' just weel," so he
"What do you drink?" demanded the medico.
"What dn

## How much?

"Do you smoke
How much?"
Two ounces a day
Well, you glve up whlsky and tobacco altogether."
Andy took up his cap and in three steps reached the door.

## GRAND SECRETARY EXPLAINS THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

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Also Gives Outline of the Growth and Influence of the Organization---Benefits to Traveling Members Mani-fold-.-The Week's News at Several Local Lodges.HAS NEW CLUB ROOMS
T. M. A. NOTES.
DESTROYEDBy Fire of anUnknown Origin

Was the Coliseum at Louisville, Ky .-One of the Largest Amusement Halls in the South

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## Amusement News

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 NEW ORLEANS, LA

## Prevavisum BILLY REEVES, THE "DRUNK," INJURED DURING PERFORMANCE

Forced to Retire from Cast of The Follies

Florence Roberts Rejoins her The House of Bondage Company After a Ten Days' Absence Due to Iliness--. Status of Theatrical Censorship in Toronto.






MAJESTIC THEATRE, DENTON, TEXAS.


MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## Manager L. N. Scott, of the Metropolltan







 manager of the Gallety Thater of Kiantan Clity.
will ber apmolnteel manager of the new Galety Theatre in Mnneapoils.
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alan bewkent for a nenr aplearance at thls the


 Ruth Anderson, local violiniza, anil the aluter is now a nember of the Falette Orchestra, an Thilie beadilner of the Princess Thuatre this
week la E:veleen Dunmore, late prima dons witio Coming Throo the itye Company. Brisum



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Business Continues Brisk at all Theatres in Philadelphia, where the New Fitch Comedy, The Happy help Entertain the Multitude Expected at the Seattle Exposition


# FROM <br> POLITAN TERS 

## In All Big Cities Aside from New York and Chicago

Marriage, Drew Capacity Houses at the Broad---San Francisco Amusement Promoters Preparing to ---Cleveland, Brooklyn and Kansas City Notes and Cominents.


## THE WEEK IN NEW YORK

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brigaile. Know what that means? Merelv some



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And just to offset this comes the Friar hand shakers. It's a worthr ldea: real lirothricls and
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## broadway has puglimania.



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[^0] When David Belasco transferred

Petulant Star Causes Comment-Suffragist Play does not Create Sensation--Broadway has PuglimaniaBlanche Bates to Close--The Week's Offerings and a few Bits of Gossip about Professionals.
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## THE WEEKIN CHICAGO

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At the Grand Opera House, Miss A 1awis continues to pherser with an unlinue and










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## The VAUDEVILLE PROFESSION

VAUDEVILLE IN NEW YORK.





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at the Anuericun Nusic Hall last week.


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 on the Morris tlme. *
 Arthur Prine the Engisch enutriloqulst, It nest season.
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the Morris Circuit at the Amertcan Music Hall

 The Famlty Theatre, Now Rochelle, N. Y
hat been opened tuls wrotk by Moore and Shea.
 Jenie Jacohs, of the Pat Caser office con-
templates a European trip fn May or June.
 At. Suthorfiand has sailed for a three weeks business trip in Europe.
rlir firrdon
Hall this week.

News from All Sections Indicates that a Genuine Boom is on-Julie de Jeune Scoring Heavily in East-Joseph F. Sheehan Opens Vaudeville Tour Under the Wm. Morris Banner-What the Players are Doing
J. FRANK HEAD.




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| John Vincent and Sadie Rose, nov- <br>  <br>  |  |
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Lamont, magician, starts on a vau-
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Majorie Dewindt, the club manipu-
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Al. Bernard is still with the Fitchen-
 Barber, Palmer, Clark Trio, with

After a short lllness, Blly Sousa, in Sclinoters, the Tolecto agent, to finish his thrity

Mr. and Mrs. Buron Spaun are playtug on the Jake Wrills Circult in the south with
success. Mr. Sllaull opens bis tentiok seasson

Jas. H. Welch and Co. have recently


The James Adams Big Vaudeville how, No. ${ }^{1}$ opwned March 1 ht Waileshoro. Y. Loulse Denman, the clever singing comelilimine. ©ivened on the Empire time, at thic A. D. Reynard, the Juggling trlck

The Ramons, triple ring gymnasts. april. the Big Surat, The Little Fellow with Vera Berline the vollinlste has
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## DRAMATIC



## MUSIC AND THE STAGE

CHICAGO MUSIC NOTES.





last week at the Majewtie, Lew Mawkins




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HOW I MADE VAUDEVILLE PAY IN A SMALL TOWN.
By c. FLJYd hopkins

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ter answer rould be piven than lieguse will
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Pete Carroll Mentions a Few of the Latest Song Hits, and Lew Hawkins Makes a Ten Strike at the Star, Chicago, with Some New Parodies-Frank Miller Off for Atlanta-Other News.

MISS WILMINE HAMMANN.

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who was in it if it wew. I hare had well palid prese zigents, men with repurutinns, tow, come
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C. FLOYD HOPKINS.

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Dramatic Critic. States warrant a reiteration of our sentiments. The dramatic critic may be a potent factor for good in the amusement business; he may, on the other hand, consti-
tute an abuse of all the principles attributed to an ameliorating influence.

It is generally understood among the men of brains and influence who make the production of amusements their industry and vocation, that the functions of the dramatic critic of a daily or weekly newspaper is to chronicle public opinion rather than create. The critic who sets himself up as an infallible judge of what the people want or ought to have, is either an arbitrary crank or an umitigated ass. No man has the faculty for judging the amusements of the entire theatregoing public. The business of the critic is to go and sit in the theatre, analyze the play for the edification of those who are to read his comment, and clearly and accurately define the effect of the production upon the audience assembled. Nobody can tell whether a play will be a success or not before it is produced. If there was anybody gifted with this ability to prophesy he wouldn't have to be a dramatic critic. Any pro . ducing manager on Broadway would pay him a salary equal
to several times that drawn by any reviewer in these United States.

If a theatrical production pleases the patrons of the theatre in which it is presented, there is no going behind that fact. If it continues to draw patronage and gain prestige as the number of performances grows, it is further evidence that adverse criticism is both unwarranted and unnecessary. Unfortunate$t y$, we have a few bigots among the dranatic reviewers identi fied with the influential newspapers of our metropolitan cities. They do not conceive their true relation to the stage. They seem to have an idea that by deprecating everything that does not suit their own aesthetic tastes they are educating the public up to an appreciation of better things in the drama. But with experience and a broader knowledge of mankind and the conditions in which he abounds, the critic abandons the idea of being a censor, relegates his perverted notion of altruism to the scrap heap, in which other crotchets have been consigned, and sets about to review a play from a human, and therefore a broadminded, point of view, he becomes really fitted into the notch that the combination of all circumstances has made for the critic.

The dramatic reviewer on a daily newspaper occupies the same position, relatively, foward the theatregoing public that the newspaper reporter occupies relatively toward the newspaper reading public. It is his function to record, to chronicle. The dramatic critic can no more mould and shape public opinion than the news reporter can create news and influence the lives and habits of his readers. The critic ought to constantly bear in mind that his position is to review and not censor. It may be argued that this is a condition that will adjust itself. that the public, with experience, is able to read between the lines, to make allowances for the natural biases and petty prejudices of the reviewer they read. But this is hardly true. They unconsciously institute a mental deduction, based upon the relative influence and accuracy of their favorite newspaper. The opinions of its dramatic reviewer are in this wise strengthened and made more potent in their judgment.

It is evident, therefore, that the correction of this condition can not be effected through the newspapers themselves. Then, we anticipate a time-unless the policy of these news. papers is changed radically-when anusement purveyors will break out in open revolt against the methods of the newspaper most flagrant in the abuse, and work out a revolution of their own.

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It is further maintained that the general outlook for increasing prospenty in the world of commerce will lift the order of retrenclment and that those who have been denying themselves the luxury of amusement will return with increased :avidity.

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